

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CHESTER H. SANFORD

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a challenge-oriented young man who understands that it takes tenacity and self reliance to reach the highest success, Mr. Chester H. Sanford.

Chester H. Sanford was born November 26, 1995 in Chicago, IL, to the proud parents of Travis and Nora Stanford. He attended St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Chicago, IL, for two years, kindergarten and first grade. It was at this institution that he credits for giving him an advanced perspective of what knowledge is and what can be done to obtain it.

In September 2003 Chester and his mother relocated to Vicksburg, MS to care for his grandmother. Chester believes the responsibility of caring for his grandmother in the absence of his mother is what taught him the value in giving and caring for others.

Chester is a member of the The Vicksburg High School JROTC in which he credits for molding his character. Chester has climbed the ranks in JROTC: starting his freshmen year he went from being a cadet private to cadet corporal. In his sophomore year he progressed from cadet corporal to cadet second lieutenant and gained the position of the battalion training officer; and currently during his junior year he has climbed to cadet captain from cadet second lieutenant. Through this program Chester has learned what service truly is. He has led several community projects at nursing homes, the elementary schools, community outreach events. He has also participated in charity events for the local Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center through the culinary arts program, in which he, along with twenty other students prepared thousands of hot meals that were sold to gain money for the organization.

Chester credits his mother for being the backbone of the family and directing his path. His motto is, "that all things can be done through the love and service of your fellow man."

Chester is a member of Mt. Carmel M.B. Church where he has served as secretary of the Sunday School Department since 2008 and in 2011 became a Sunday School Teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Chester H. Stanford for his hard work, dedication and a strong desire to achieve through adversity.

STUDENT LOANS

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA,  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT,  
Gainesville, FL, June 5, 2013.

Hon. Corrine Brown,  
Rayburn House Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN BROWN: A well-educated workforce is essential to the growth of our country. I firmly believe that higher education is what drives our economy and gives our country its competitive advantage in the current global economy. As the colleges and universities in the United States make progress towards curing cancer and finding alternative energy sources, the cost of a college degree has increased progressively.

According to the SFA Funds Management Report from the University of Florida, over 10,000 students have received \$37,122,091 in subsidized Stafford Loans. Across the board, the cost of a college degree has increased by more than 1,000 percent in the past 35 years and many students simply cannot bear the cost of a college degree.

I do not want to see student loan rates increase, but I recognize the need for long-term solutions to the problems that students face. I, along with the 50,000+ students at the University of Florida, support a bipartisan solution that will contribute to the success of students and support them in today's economy. This is an issue that we care about and it is a discussion that we want to be a part of.

Economics teaches us that stability is one of the greatest influences in any market. Students need to be able to plan for the financial responsibilities of college and a stable loan market is crucially important to providing stability and security. I think that everyone can agree that students should be focused on their education and college graduates should be focused on their career. Unfortunately, the current loan crisis has students and graduates focused on the amount of money they owe instead of studying and contributing to the nation's economy.

Ensuring that all stakeholders' voices are heard during the discussion is our main priority in finding a long-term solution to student loan rates. We are receptive to entertaining different possible solutions until the best one is found. Students and their families deserve financial stability instead of crippling adjustments or rate increases that would hinder their success. I look forward to discussing this issue with Members from the state of Florida, and would gladly share my viewpoint with other Members of Congress.

Go Gators.

CHRISTINA BONARRIGO,  
Student Body President,  
University of Florida.

HONORING CAMERON MILLER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Miller. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizen-

ship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron reconstructed a hiking trail inside the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri, overlaying the path with mulch and providing a better walking experience for hikers in the sanctuary.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron Miller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN APPRECIATION OF MS. LAVENA PACE

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I have the opportunity to recognize the remarkable career of Ms. Lavena Pace as an integral member of my staff. After 10 years of service in my Monroe District Office, my staff and I wish her the best on her retirement.

Ms. Pace's kind-hearted and Christian character made her a natural in assisting the constituents of the 5th Congressional District. During her tenure, Ms. Pace has helped countless individuals, earning the respect and admiration of everyone she has met along her journey.

Over the years, I have watched Ms. Pace give tirelessly to her work. Ms. Pace's dedication, positive attitude, and work ethic will be deeply missed.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Lavena Pace on an exemplary career as she celebrates her retirement.

RECOGNIZING BERKLEY CHARTER SCHOOL, RECIPIENT OF THE SUPPORTMUSIC MERIT AWARD

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Berkley Charter School of Polk, Florida on earning the SupportMusic Merit Award for academic excellence. The SupportMusic Merit Award is a national designation sponsored by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation

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